

October 3, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) is a federation of public safety organizations whose mission is to improve public safety communications and interoperability through collaborative leadership. NPSTC pursues the role of resource and advocate for public safety organizations in the United States on matters relating to public safety telecommunications. Accordingly, NPSTC provides guidance on issues that can either negatively impact or benefit the operation of public safety communications. NPSTC submits the attached position paper, entitled Maintaining Public Safety Communications Reliability and Interoperability in the 700 MHz Band. In the position paper, NPSTC recommends against mixing broadband and narrowband operations in the same spectrum, as doing so can negatively impact both public safety communications reliability and interoperability.

Re: PS Docket No. 06-229

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Maintaining Public Safety Communications Reliability and Interoperability in the 700 MHz Band

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